

**Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action**

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Michael A. Slivka et al.

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 19, 2009.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.